

OFFICE OF THE
CITY AUDITOR

# AN AUDIT OF THE CITY'S NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985-86

A REPORT TO THE

SAN JOSE

CITY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE



#### CITY OF SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

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June 24, 1987

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council 801 North First Street, Room 600 San Jose, CA 95110

Transmitted herewith is a report on An Audit of the City's Non-Personal Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1985-86. This report is in accordance with City Charter Section 805(a).

An Executive Summary is presented on the blue papers in the front of this report while an Administration response is shown on the yellow pages.

I will present this report to the Finance Committee at its August 5, 1987 meeting. If you need additional information in the interim, please let me know. City Auditor staff who participated in the preparation of this report are Jeffrey Mikles and Nestor Baula.

Respectfully submitted.

Gerald A. Silva City Auditor

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with City Charter Section 805 (a), the Office of the City Auditor has conducted an audit of the City's Non-Personal Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1985-86.

Our audit for 1985-86 disclosed that:

- o The City incurred estimated losses of \$53,200 in lost discounts, which is 35 percent less than the \$81,900 in estimated losses for the 1984-85 fiscal year.
- o The City incurred estimated losses of \$800 from overpayments, which is 98 percent less than the \$40,300 in estimated losses for the prior fiscal year.
- o The number of late payments increased in our random sample by 445 percent over the number found in our sample for the prior fiscal year. Further, our judgmental sample revealed that the City paid at least \$1,390 in late penalty charges.
- o There were instances of noncompliance with City internal control procedures, but they did not result in the loss of City funds.
- o All five recommendations from our prior audit have been satisfactorily implemented.

Our audit revealed that the value of lost discounts and overpayments has decreased significantly because of the improved accuracy of payment voucher preparation and review. However, lost discounts continue to result from City department delays in processing documentation on goods and services

received. Based on our review, it is evident that closer monitoring is required to ensure that vendor-offered discounts are acquired.

The audit also disclosed that the number of late payments has significantly increased and some late charges were paid.

While the City in general did not suffer because of late payments, they may prove to be detrimental over the long run.

Moreover, the audit disclosed a limited number of internal control exceptions concerning deficient approval signatures, inadequate supporting documentation, and incorrect account codes. It appears that these exceptions were isolated instances and not symptomatic of systemic deficiencies.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

We recommend that:

#### Recommendation #1:

The Finance Department-Accounts Payable Section promptly report to the appropriate City Department Head any lost discounts over \$200 which his or her staff caused by not submitting receiving documents to Purchasing or Accounts Payable in a timely manner. (Priority 3)

#### Recommendation #2

The Office of the City Manager require the City departments, the Purchasing Division, and Finance-Accounts

Payable to 1) date invoices, receiving documents, and payment vouchers when received and when forwarded and 2) explain on the payment voucher any payment delays in excess of a specified number of days. (Priority 3)

#### Recommendation #3

Finance-Accounting determine the proper accounting treatment of the transactions affecting the Clean Water Financing Authority Payment Fund and record the transactions accordingly. (Priority 3)

#### BACKGROUND

The Finance Department, the General Services Department Purchasing Division and the City department making the purchase
each have specific responsibilities for documenting discount
terms and payments to vendors who supply goods and services.

Different procedures and documentation apply for different
purchases depending on the type of goods or service and the
urgency of the purchase. ATTACHMENTS 9 through 14 describe the
procedures and documentation required in each circumstance and
are summarized below:

#### Open Purchase Orders (ATTACHMENT 9)

City departments use Open Purchase Orders to purchase frequently ordered items. Open Purchase Orders specify a vendor, period of time and pre-determined dollar amount. Departments use Partial Payment Vouchers to pay for Open Purchase Order purchases.

#### Itemized Purchase Orders (ATTACHMENT 10)

City departments usually use Itemized Purchase Orders to purchase goods or services in excess of \$100. The departments issue a completed requisition form to the Purchasing Division. The Purchasing Division selects the vendor and issues an Itemized Purchase Order to the vendor prior to goods being delivered or services provided.

#### Confirming Purchase Orders (ATTACHMENT 11)

City departments use Confirming Purchase Orders to acquire urgently needed goods or services when time constraints preclude using an Itemized Purchase Order.

#### Special Payment Demands (ATTACHMENT 12) .

City departments use Special Payment Demands to pay specific obligations listed in Section 202.8A of the City Administrative Manual. Examples of Special Payments are: establishing or increasing a petty cash or change fund; bond interest or redemption payments; payments made in settlement of legal claims; payments for utilities, telephone and insurance premiums.

In general, City departments prepare purchase requisitions for goods and services and forward them to the General Services Department-Purchasing Division for order placement.

The Central Warehouse receives most ordered goods.

However, all services and certain goods are delivered directly to the requesting department. The Purchasing Division determines which goods may be delivered directly. Either the Central Warehouse or the receiving Department checks the goods received against the vendor's packing slip or prepares a receiving report if a packing slip is not available.

Departments check services rendered against vendor work slips.

City departments are responsible for preparing payment vouchers and indicating the discount terms on them, compiling the packing/receiving documents to support the payment request, and forwarding all the documents to the Purchasing Division within 24 hours of receipt of goods. After reviewing and approving the payment request, the Purchasing Division forwards the documents to the Accounts Payable Section.

The Accounts Payable Section in the Finance Department pre-audits the voucher and documents for correct computation, payment terms and discounts. After approving the vouchers for payment, the Accounts Payable Section batches the vouchers and forwards them to General Accounting for recording and then to the Information Systems Department for processing. Once a week, Information Systems prints the checks to pay the vendors.

A manual check writing procedure is also available to take advantage of purchase discounts and to pay other bills which do not fall under the normal procedures described above. These checks may be for such items as:

- Taxes with due dates,
- Payments to take advantage of purchase discounts,
- Travel advances,
- Registration fees, and
- Department requests for sundry emergency payments.

#### AUDIT SCOPE

During fiscal year 1985-86, the Finance Department issued 41,169 checks and electronic fund transfers representing payments of \$271 million. Our audit objectives were to 1) determine whether Finance and the other City departments complied with established City policies and procedures, and 2) assess the adequacy of these policies and procedures. We selected for audit both random and judgmental samples of checks and electronic fund transfers. Overall we reviewed approximately 1,500 checks and electronic fund transfers with an aggregate value of \$191.4 million. This sample size represents about 3.6 percent of the total checks and electronic fund transfers processed and over 70 percent of the total value paid out.

Our audit samples were as follows:

- Random Sample of 564 checks. We selected a random sample of 564 checks from all computer printed checks of less than \$100,000. The aggregate value of the checks in our random sample was \$1.8 million. We used this random sample as the basis for our statistical projections for lost discounts, overpayments, and late payments.
- Judgmental Sample of 923 checks and electronic fund transfers:
  - We reviewed the documentation for all 409 checks and electronic fund transfers for \$100,000 or more. These payments totaled \$185.7 million.
  - We also selected 514 other checks, with a total value of \$3.9 million, which were manually prepared or represented petty cash and revolving fund reimbursements.

The results of our audit of non-personal expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1986 are summarized in ATTACHMENT 1, together with the previous fiscal year's audit results. As shown in ATTACHMENT 1, we found less exceptions in four of the eight types of exceptions tested. The only significant increase was in the number of late payments which increased 445 percent compared to the previous year.

#### FINDING I

THE DOLLAR VALUE OF LOST DISCOUNTS
IN 1985-86 WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN 1984-85,
BUT CITY DEPARTMENTS STILL NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE

Based on our projections, the dollar value of lost discounts during 1985-86 is 35 percent less than 1984-85. In our random sample, we identified \$745 of vendor-offered discounts which were lost because of City department delays in the documentation and/or payment process. Based on our sample results, we project that the City lost between \$13,409 and \$92,979 in discounts during 1985-86, with the most probable loss being \$53,200. This is significantly less than the projected discount loss of \$81,900 during 1984-85. The lost discounts from our random sample ranged from \$0.24 to \$230.02. Due to the wide range of our sample results, our estimate of actual losses is of necessity inexact. In addition, our judgmental sample of 923 checks identified \$4,623 of vendoroffered discounts that were not taken because of similar processing delays.

#### Vendor-Offered Discounts

In general, vendor-offered discounts should be pursued whenever it is cost-effective to do so. Vendor-offered discounts are reductions in invoice amounts allowed by vendors to encourage their customers to pay their bills promptly. For example, a vendor may allow the City to deduct two percent from

the purchase price if the City pays the amount within 10 days from delivery of the goods. Therefore, lost discounts represent lost opportunities to save money.

#### Value of Lost Discounts Reduced

In our random sample, we found that 1) the number of discounts lost in 1985-86 was greater than in 1984-85, (See ATTACHMENT 2), but 2) the projected total dollar value of the lost discounts was less. The reason for this apparent inconsistency is that the dollar values of the discounts lost in 1985-86 were considerably less than in 1984-85.

Accordingly, the projected total dollar value of lost discounts in 1985-86 decreased from \$81,900 in 1984-85 to \$53,200, a reduction of 35 percent. TABLE I summarizes and contrasts the lost discounts for both fiscal years.

TABLE I

SUMMARY OF LOST DISCOUNTS IN
1984-85 AND 1985-86

<u>FY</u>	Number of Discounts Lost	Number Greater Than \$100	Sample Dollar Value	Projected Losses Due To Lost Discounts
1984-85	17	3	\$1,371	\$81,900
1985-86	28	1	\$ 745	\$53,200

It should be noted that the Finance Department did implement the five recommendations the City Auditor made last year concerning payment voucher processing (See ATTACHMENT 8). Of these five recommendations, one was to provide feedback to the City departments on their level of compliance with payment request policies and procedures. The Accounting Division designed and implemented a quarterly report of payment request errors, delays and other related deficiencies. This report allows each City department to monitor and improve its own performance in preparing accurate and timely payment requests. This may account for the significant reduction in projected losses due to lost discounts shown in TABLE I.

#### Departments Still Need To Be More Responsive

Despite improved performance, City departments need to process receiving documentation in a more timely manner.

According to the Finance-Accounts Payable staff, City departments have been slow in forwarding receiving documentation to Purchasing, which ultimately slows down purchasing approval notification to Accounts Payable. In the random sample, 12 of the 28 items were delayed at General Services while the remaining 16 items were delayed at 8 different City departments. In the judgmental sample, we found that 6 of the 24 items were again delayed at General Services with the remaining 18 items delayed at 10 different City departments.

(A letter from General Services explaining the two largest lost

discounts of that department is shown in ATTACHMENT 18). As a result, we project that the City did not take advantage of \$53,200 in vendor-offered discounts. Departments should correct their procedures to enable the City to take advantage of vendor-offered discounts. In order to facilitate necessary corrections, the Finance Department-Accounts Payable should promptly report to the appropriate City department Head any lost discounts in excess of \$200 which his or her staff caused by not processing documents in a timely manner.

#### CONCLUSION

The projected total dollar value of lost discounts decreased 35 percent from \$81,900 in 1984-85 to \$53,200 in 1985-86. This improvement appears to be due in part to Finance's implementation of prior audit recommendations. Lost discounts were the result of the City departments not processing receiving documentation in a timely manner. Based on our review, it appears that the City could take advantage of additional vendor offered discounts if City departments expedited the processing of receiving documentation to Purchasing.

#### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that:

#### Recommendation #1:

The Finance Department-Accounts Payable promptly report to the appropriate City department Head any lost discounts over \$200 which his or her staff caused by not submitting receiving documents to Purchasing or Accounts Payable in a timely manner. (Priority 3)

#### FINDING II

### OVERPAYMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED BUT LATE PAYMENTS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED

Based on our projections, the City's total loss from overpayments for 1985-86 is 98 percent less than our loss estimate for 1984-85. In our random sample, we found overpayments totalling \$11.20. Based on our sample results, we project that the City's total loss from these events was between \$50 and \$2,200, with the most probable loss being \$800. This amount is significantly lower than the projected loss of \$40,300 for 1984-85 and can be attributed to improved accuracy in the preparation and review of payment vouchers. However, the number of late payments in our random sample for 1985-86 increased by 445 percent over the number in our sample for the prior fiscal year. Further, our judgmental sample of checks revealed penalty charges of \$1,390.

#### Overpayments

In our random sample, we found that the total number and value of overpayments declined from 1984-85 to 1985-86. Due to the decreased value of the overpayments in our sample, the projected losses for 1985-86 decreased 98 percent to \$800 from the projected losses of \$40,300 for 1984-85. TABLE II summarizes and contrasts the overpayments for both fiscal years.

TABLE II

#### OVERPAYMENTS 1984-85 AND 1985-86

<u> </u>	Number	Sample Value	Projected Losses
1984-85	7	\$1,766	\$40,300
1985-86	4	\$ 11	\$ 800

Based on our sample, it is evident that the accuracy level of payment voucher preparation and review has improved since our last audit.

#### Late Payments Have Increased

In our random sample, we found that the number and projected value of late payments made in 1985-86 greatly exceeded the number and projected value of those made in 1984-85. TABLE III summarizes and contrasts the late payments for both fiscal years.

TABLE III

#### LATE PAYMENTS 1984-85 AND 1985-86

<u>FY</u>	Number	Sample <u>Value</u>	Projected Payments
1984-85	14	\$ 237,838	\$ 625,215
1985-86	96	\$2,064,102	\$7,816,563

Using 40 or more days from the receipt of goods or services (or invoice date, if later) as our lateness criterion, we identified as being late 61 checks from our random sample of 564 checks and 35 checks from our judgmental sample of 923 checks. The number of late payments represents a 445% increase over the number found in the random sample for the prior fiscal year. The 61 checks were issued from 42 to 219 days after receiving the goods or services (See ATTACHMENT 4). The 35 late checks from our judgmental sample were issued from 41 to 312 days after the receipt of goods or services (See ATTACHMENT 4).

According to the City departments surveyed, the 96 late payments noted in our audit were late for reasons described below:

Reason for Late Payment	Number of Payments
Incomplete documentation on the part of vendor	17
Staff incurred delays	20
Staffing shortages	12
Deficient or inadequate vendor performance	9
Incomplete delivery of goods or services	3
Other reasons	10
Unknown reason for delay	<u>25</u>
Total late payments	<u>96</u>

Details of the departmental explanation for the late payments are shown in ATTACHMENT 15.

Investigation of the causes of the late payments was hampered because of 1) the lack of consistent date-stamping and 2) the lack of documentation explaining the delays. Finance does not date-stamp invoices when they are received from vendors or forwarded to the departments. Although some departments date-stamp the invoices when received from Finance or the vendor, this practice is not followed City-wide. Purchasing date-stamps the payment vouchers received from departments, but does not date-stamp them when Purchasing forwards them to Finance. Although Finance date-stamps the payment vouchers the day the vouchers are paid, Finance does not date-stamp the payment vouchers when they are received from the departments or from Purchasing. Finally, the departments, Purchasing, and Finance do not indicate on the payment documents the sources and reasons of delays in payment. Consequently, it is often not possible to ascertain where and why the delays occurred. To facilitate future management review, the City departments, the Purchasing Division, and Finance-Accounts Payable should 1) date invoices, receiving documents, and payment vouchers when received and when forwarded, and 2) explain in the payment voucher any payment delays in excess of a specified number of days.

#### Interest Charges or Penalties

During our 1984-85 review, we did not find any interest charges or penalties resulting from late payments in our judgmental sample. However, we found two such items in our judgmental sample for 1985-86. On one item, the City paid a late payment penalty of \$2.06 on a payment that was 312 days late. On the other item, the City paid \$1,388.81 in delinquency charges for late payment of state sales and use taxes. Both payments represent a loss of \$1,390 to the City (See ATTACHMENT 3).

In general, except for the late charges cited above, it appears that the City has not suffered monetarily from making late payments. However, over the long run this may prove to be a detrimental practice. Continued slow payments may erode vendor relations or result in future vendor price increases or the application of penalty and interest charges.

#### CONCLUSION

Our review reveals that the City's projected loss from overpayments for 1985-86 is significantly smaller than our loss estimate for the prior fiscal year. The improvement can be attributed to improved accuracy in the preparation and review of payment vouchers. Conversely, the number and value of late payments in our random sample for 1985-86 increased substantially

over the number and value of our 1984-85 sample. Further, the City lost at least \$1,390 due to the payment of late penalty charges. Overall, the City has not suffered from the late payments but may in the future.

#### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that:

#### Recommendation #2:

The Office of the City Manager require the City Departments, the Purchasing Division, and Finance-Accounts Payable to 1) date invoices, receiving documents, and payment vouchers when received and when forwarded, and 2) explain on the payment voucher any payment delays in excess of a specified number of days. (Priority 3)

#### FINDING III

#### NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CITY PROCEDURES FOUND BUT NO CITY FUNDS WERE LOST

Our review of non-personal expenditures disclosed incidences of noncompliance with City internal control procedures but none resulted in a loss of City funds. The internal control exceptions concerned deficient approval signatures, inadequate supporting documentation, and incorrect account codes. Due to the limited number of exceptions, it appears that they are not the result of system deficiencies.

#### Deficient Approval Signatures

Within our random sample of 564 checks, we identified three checks with supporting documentation which lacked required approval signatures (See ATTACHMENT 5). In all three instances, the receiving tag or invoice was not signed by the person authorized on the purchase order.

From our judgmental sample of 923 checks, we identified two deficient payments. In one, the partial payment voucher was not signed, and in the other, an invoice was not signed by the person authorized on the purchase order. Regarding the unsigned voucher, we verified that the \$148,500 payment to Ticor Title Insurance had an approved Miscellaneous Encumbrance Document and Certification of Unexpended Appropriation signed by the Finance Director. Although the payment was appropriate,

the Department Head's approval of the payment was not indicated on the voucher, so Accounts Payable should not have processed the payment. (Departmental explanation for payments with deficient approving signatures and/or missing receiving documents are shown in ATTACHMENT 16.)

#### Inadequate Supporting Documentation

Most of the payments we found with inadequate supporting documentation were for mileage reimbursement. The Finance Administrative Manual Section 5.1.11.10e concerning mileage reimbursement specifies that an "adequate explanation of locations covered must be shown" and general statements such as "City business" should not be used. Within our random and judgmental sample of checks, we found 19 payments of this nature (See ATTACHMENT 6).

In addition, we found two payments in our random sample and six in our judgmental sample which did not have the required receiving document or signature. Without a receiving document or signature, the City cannot ascertain whether the item received was in good condition or that the service received was performed satisfactorily. (Departmental explanation for payments with deficient approving signatures and/or missing receiving documents are shown in ATTACHMENT 16.)

#### Incorrect Account Codes

We also found six payments in our random sample and four in our judgmental sample which were charged to incorrect account codes (See ATTACHMENT 7). These included eight payments charged to the wrong detail code, one payment charged to the wrong prime account, and one payment which was charged to the wrong detail code and also should have been capitalized.

A \$501.61 payment for a dictation/transcription machine was incorrectly charged to Supplies instead of to Machinery and Equipment as required. Since the item had a useful life of more than one year and cost more than \$500, it also should have been capitalized and put into the equipment inventory.

The two largest payments (over \$11,454,000 combined) were incorrectly charged to Contractual and Professional Services instead of to Debt Service Principal and Interest. According to the Finance-Accounting staff, these payments were not charged to Debt Service Principal and Interest because they were not intended to service City-issued bonds. The bonds were issued by a non-City entity, the Clean Water Financing Authority, and the funds used to service the bonds came from the City of San Jose and other governments in the area.

The Finance-Accounting staff agreed that Contractual and Professional Services was not an appropriate detail code to charge. These payments, in fact, were reclassified at the end of the 1985-86 fiscal year. Furthermore, upon review of the transactions of the affected fund, we noted that \$2,573,000 in contributions from other local governments also were inappropriately classified as "Operating Income." In our opinion, Finance-Accounting should determine the proper accounting treatment of the transactions affecting the Clean Water Financing Authority Payment Fund and record the transactions accordingly.

#### CONCLUSION

During our review, we identified instances of noncompliance with City internal control procedures concerning
deficient approval signatures, inadequate supporting
documentation, and the incorrect use of account codes. The
internal control exceptions appeared to be due to oversight and
did not result in the loss of City funds.

#### RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that:

#### Recommendation #3:

Finance-Accounting determine the proper accounting treatment of the transactions affecting the Clean Water Financing Authority Payment Fund and record the transactions accordingly. (Priority 3)



#### CITY OF SAN JOSE - MEMORANDUM

CITY AUDITOR

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward G. Schilling

Director of Finance

SUBJECT: AUDIT OF 1985-86 NON-PERSONAL

DATE:

June 16, 1987

**EXPENDITURES** 

APPROVED

DATE

Before responding to the Auditor's recommendations contained in the 1985-86 Audit of Non-Personal Expenditures, Finance-Accounting feels it is appropriate to comment upon the implementation of the recommendations made in the prior year's audit. Although we initially had reservations about the cost-effectiveness of implementing procedures and a training program which would impose an additional burden on the current clerical and professional staff, it is clear in reviewing both the current audit as well as in assessing our own perceptions of internal improvements that the Auditor's suggestions were timely and of great assistance in improving the Accounts Payable operations.

The following are specific responses to the recommendations of the 1985-86 Audit of Non-Personal Expenditures:

#### RECOMMENDATION #1:

The Finance Department-Accounts Payable Section promptly report to the appropriate City Department Head any lost discounts over \$200 which his or her staff caused by not submitting receiving documents to Purchasing or Accounts Payable in a timely manner.

#### Finance Department Response:

Accounting currently prepares a quarterly report addressed to department heads summarizing the number of lost discounts over \$100, and will continue to accumulate information at this lower level. This is because \$100 represents the cost of processing a special check, and is the "break-even" administrative cost point for capturing lost discounts. We agree with the Auditor that \$200 is a more appropriate materiality level for immediately informing a department head of lost discounts and are currently designing a pre-printed form which will be used to inform department heads of such lost discounts as they occur.

The General Services Department is concerned about discounts taken on equipment ordered by the City which requires extensive review by staff to ensure that it is in working order and that it meets appropriate specifications. Specifically, the City's liability in receiving large quantities of automobiles and large pieces of equipment such as trucks, aerial lifts, and street sweepers, where the cost exceeds \$50,000 per piece of equipment, is so large in instances where equipment is inoperable or does not meet specifications that it may not be cost effective to capture each and every discount. However, General Services will continue to pursue a strong policy of achieving discounts where possible, and where the City does not run a significant risk from premature acceptance.

#### RECOMMENDATION # 2:

The Office of the City Manager require the City departments, the Purchasing Division, and Finance-Accounts Payable to 1) date invoices, receiving documents, and payment vouchers when received and when forwarded and 2) explain on the payment voucher any payment delays in excess of a specified number of days.

#### Finance Department Response:

The first part of the recommendation requires some clarification. Although Accounts Payable was not date-stamping invoices during the period which the audit covers, they are currently doing so as a matter of regular procedure. They also date-stamp payment vouchers when received, and maintain a log of any payment vouchers that are sent back to departments for corrections. The only change would be to date-stamp invoices again when they are forwarded to departments. Accounting will undertake to do this, and is in the process of ordering separate date-stamps for each of the Accounting clerical staff involved in the payment process. The Finance Director will also prepare a memorandum to all City departments instituting date-stamping procedures for their receipt of invoices and receiving documents.

In addressing the second part of the recommendation, the Auditor and Accounting agree that the materiality of a delayed payment is not the issue, and that any payments which are delayed over 40 days from the time of receipt of invoice or of materials/services should be explained. However, this part of the recommendation causes Accounting some concern. Since, as the Auditor has shown in his report, delays are usually the result of a department holding up documents or taking excessive time to prepare payment vouchers, it would be expected that most of these written explanations on the payment voucher would also be prepared by the department. This could act as an additional deterrent to timely processing, and Accounting's experience would tend to confirm the likelihood of this result. Accounting has clarified with the City Auditor that there is no intention that Accounting should assume an enforcement role in the processing of delayed payments: clearly it would be counterproductive to hold up a payment document because an adequate explanation of delay is not provided by the department involved. Similarly, Accounting will not assume the responsibility of judging whether an explanation of delay is adequate, nor do they have adequate staffing to take any follow-up action on late payments. The explanations will only be used to facilitate the Auditor's annual review of non-personal expenditures. Accounting, therefore, will record on the payment vouchers any reasons relating to why a payment was delayed in Accounts Payable, but will not undertake any further action. Departments will be expected to take the responsibility for implementing the same procedures once they receive the City Manager's direction to do so.

#### RECOMMENDATION # 3:

Finance-Accounting determine the proper accounting treatment of the transactions affecting the Clean Water Financing Authority Payment Fund and record the transactions accordingly.

#### Finance Department Response:

Accounting agrees with the City Auditor that the debt service expenditure is more appropriately coded separately from regular contractual service payments, and has obtained the concurrence of the Water Pollution Control Plant to reclassify the payments to a special detail code set up for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward G. Schilling Director of Finance

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### CITY OF SAN JOSE-MEMORANDUM

TO Gerald E. Silva, City Auditor

FROM James R. Daniels

SUBJECT AUDIT OF NON-PERSONAL

DATE June 9, 1987

APPROVED

DATE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with my comments relative to the audit of City-wide non-personal details.

I continue to be concerned about taking discounts before we are sure that the equipment ordered by the City is in working order and meets the appropriate specifications. Specifically, I am concerned about the receiving of large quantities of automobiles and large pieces of equipment such as trucks, aerial lifts, and street sweepers where the cost is in excess of \$50,000 per piece of equipment. The liability to the City is such that the discount is miniscule when compared to the risk of receiving equipment that is inappropriate and inoperable or does not meet City specifications. This department will continue to pursue a strong policy of achieving discounts where possible; but, in the final analysis, any money gained by discounts should be measured against the risk involved in receiving equipment as described above.

JAMES R. DANIELS

Director of General Services

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cc: Les White
Ed Schilling
Susan George
Sam Gaetz
Fred Wright



CITY AUDITOR

PERCENT

INCREASE

(DECREASE)

-60.22%

-54.54%

24.31%

37.42%

-100.00%

1984-85

0.59%

1.35%

1.86%

0.25%

\$0.05-\$17,535

\$14-\$390

\$1-\$2,200

\$22-\$251

# NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS AUDIT SAMPLE OF CHECKS PROCESSED FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

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\$1-\$1,389

\$13-\$5,165

7

22

1985-86

0.27%

1.68%

2.56%

0

38

documentation 4. Incorrect use of 0 0 0.34% \$96-\$10,738 -100.00% forms 5. Incorrect account \$105-\$5,733,018 0 10 0.67% codes 6. Late payments 6.46% \$9-\$678,441 14 1.18% \$82-\$229,078 445.53%

\$0.24-\$1,200

0

expenditure limitations

8. Non-compliance with

7. Lost discounts

2. Overpayments and late

payment penalties

3. Inadequate supporting

## NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS LOST DISCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK Date Di	EPT 	VENDOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	DOCUMENT Amount	LOST
STATISTICAL	SAMPLE	<b>.</b>				
10/02/85 NM	aint RA	AISCH PRODUCTS	1183836	81874	\$6,887.44	\$230.02
03/26/86 Lil	br VI	IETNAMESE BOOK STORE	1204515	18648	10,277.95	99.74
06/18/86 Tr	af Wi	YLE DIST.	1215328	61858	10,277.95 4,887.22	91.35
		EWLIFE PRINTING CO.	1184182	24770	2,411.10	66.90
04/16/86 GS	D H.	.s. CROCKER CO., INC.	1206996	99019	5,468.47	51.11
04/23/86 GSI	D UN	NISDURCE CORP.	1207808	99038	4,410.97	41.24
09/11/85 GS	D KE	ENAN SUPPLY INC.	1181125	99494	1,954.05	36.52
02/26/86 NM	aint RE	EED & GRAHAM, INC.	1201263	91428	8,214.53	25.84
07/10/85 Lil	br N1	ICOLET PAPER COMPANY	1174600	54771	2,300.00	23.00
06/11/86 <b>6</b> SI	D AV	/IALL	1213710		616.87	
08/14/85 Po	lice FF	RANK W. DUNNE COMPANY	1178066	56296	502.90	9.40
12/23/85 GSI	D CA	ALIFORNIA ENVELOPE CO	1194635	<b>5902</b> 3	752.85	7.04
03/19/86 65		ECK'S SHOES INC.	1203684	96392	572.03	5.72
02/19/86 MP(		& H VALVE COMPANY		59478	303.60	5.58
04/16/86 GSI		RAYBAR ELECTRIC CO.	1207187	96605	1,124.01	5.49
11/13/85 GSI	D SE	EALEX CORP.	1189729	58625	530.2 <b>9</b>	4.96
03/04/86 P		TA CLA LUMBER & MILLWORK	1205858	61757	529.65	4.95
03/19/86 WP(		STINGHOUSE ELECTRIC	1204275	60921	223.10	4.17
10/16/85 Tra		ACIFIC HARDWARE & STEEL	1185639	81393 12338 60476 60381	216.99	4.05
01/08/86 Lil		ETNAMESE BOOK STORE	1195724	12338	418.81	4.03
03/19/86 Tra		ECTRO COMPONENTS	1203976	60476	375.10	3.52
03/19/86 Per		NLIFORNIA ENVELOPE CO.	1203945	60381	362.76	
03/26/86 P 8		ORTHERN DISTRIBUTING CO.	1205021	94686	234.78	
03/19/86 GSI		CK'S SHOES INC.	1203684		171.84	
03/19/86 GSI		ECK'S SHOES INC.	1203684		90.00	
03/19/86 WPC		STINGHOUSE ELECTRIC			32.87	0.61
05/28/86 GSI		G INDUSTRIES INC			21.94	
08/21/85 <b>6</b> SI	) SA	NTA CLARA N.O. NELSON	1179191	48665	12.04	0.24
		SUBTOTAL			\$53,904.16	\$745.47

### NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS LOST DISCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK Date dep	VENDOR	CHECK Number	DOCUMENT Number	DOCUMENT AMOUNT	DISCOUNT Lost
IUDSMENTAL SAI	IPLE				
11/20/85 GSD	AL EAMES FORD	1190089	57134	\$87,200.84	\$1,200.0
11/20/85 GSD	AL EAMES FORD	1170087		55,673.26	
11/20/85 GSD	AL EAMES FORD	1170087			
3/26/86 Arpr					
7/17/85 GSD	JOHN EHRET DODGE CHRYSLER			•	
11/26/85 GSD		1191082		2,804.26	
12/23/85 GSD		1194295		4,890.68	
	t RAISCH PRODUCTS	1213721	6581	316.24	
02/27/86 P & I			90617		
3/14/86 Libr	•	1203562	60817		
12/05/85 WPCP	UNIV-AIR EQUIPMENT CO.	1192413	24835	367.01	7.3
12/19/85 P & I	NORTHERN DISTRIBUTING CO.	1194265	93195	484.74	
01/17/86 WPCP	NELSON ELECTRONICS	1197223	56655	798.80	3.9
)2/27/86 NMai:	t BECK'S SHOES, INC.	1201680	89932	270.00	2.7
12/23/85 Fin	VANIER GRAPHICS CORP.	1194295	57096	406.90	1.9
)1/17/86 WPCP	QUEMENT ELECTRONICS	1197231	88809	90.25	1.8
)2/27/86 Arpr	BECK'S SHOES, INC.	1201680	90762	175.26	1.7
12/23/85 PW	VANIER GRAPHICS CORP.	1194295	58205	241.56	1.1
12/23/ <mark>85 Tr</mark> af	VANIER GRAPHICS CORP.	1194295	57113	149.92	0.7
)2/27/86 Fire	BECK'S SHOES, INC.	1201680	89848	67.40	0.6
12/23/85 P & 1	R VANIER GRAPHICS CORP.	1194295	58148	142.05	0.4
12/23/85 Libr	VANIER GRAPHICS CORP.	1194295	54715	142.85	0.6
12/23/85 N Pri	s VANIER GRAPHICS CORP.	1194295	58206	96.63	0.4
)1/17/86 WPCP	VANTON PUMP & EQUIPMENT	1197235	57726	32.51	0.3
	SUBTOTAL			\$358,705.67	\$4,623.1
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	TOTAL			\$412,609.83	•

### NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS DVERPAYMENTS AND LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK Date	DEPT	VENDOR	CHECK Number	DOCUMENT Number	DOCUMENT AMOUNT	ERROR/ PENALTY	COMMENTS
OVERPAYME					·		
STATISTIC	CAL SAM	IPLE					
06/25/86	6SD	LE DEIT BROTHERS	1216324	97076	\$1,285.49	\$10.00	Wrong computation in invoice
02/12/86	P₩	CHERYL J. TRUJILLO	1199968	5776	21.00	1.20	Unallowable reimbursement for mileage from work to home
		Total overpayments			\$1,306.49	\$11.20	

#### LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

JUDGMENTAL SAMPLE

05/14/86 Fin	ST BD OF EQ	QUALIZATION	1210334	17265	\$1,388.81 \$1	•	Delinquency charges for late-payment of taxes
05/27/86 WPCP	BROOKLYN TR	RUCKING	1212255	19727	22.65	2.06	Penalty for late payment
	Total la	ate payment p	enalties		\$1,411.46 \$1	,390.87	

### NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS LATE PAYMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK Date	DEPT:	VENDOR	CHECK NUMBER	DOCUMENT Number	DOCUMENT Amount	NUMBER OF DAYS
STATISTI	CAL SAMI	PLE				
02/26/86	Libr	BERNARD H. HAMEL SPANISH BOOKS	1201159	12521	\$140.81	219
03/26/86	Plng	SEVEN ELEVEN FOOD STORES	1204925	13190	125.00	140
03/26/86	Libr	VIETNAMESE BOOK STORE	1204515	18648	10,277.95	132
08/07/85	N Pres	EMCON ASSOCIATES	1177392	85769	1,994.96	129
12/04/85	Pers	LEITER'S PHARMACY	1191630	6488	702.85	125
08/14/85	Fire	PENNIMAN & RICHARDS	1178371	81147	463.83	110
06/18/86	Pers	D'CONNOR HOSPITAL	1215224	13414	3,304.27	
02/03/86	Plna	UNIVERSITY ART CENTER	1198629	81070	104.86	106
08/07/85	_	KIELTY & DAYTON	1177424	53021	175.37	106
06/18/86		FUSES UNLIMITED	1214783	61211	557.43	105
04/09/86		AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH CO.	1206095	56499	484.24	99
09/25/85		LOMBARDO CORE DRILLING	1183487	24141	95.00	97
12/23/85		PIMENTEL, LINVILL, et al.	1194528	15625	186.00	94
01/29/86		LE DEIT BROTHERS GLASS SERVICE	1198366	96015	2,507.33	92
04/16/86		H.S. CROCKER CO., INC.	1206996	99019	5,468.47	92
12/04/85		WILLIAMS, PARKER, et al.	1192069	7818	28.70	86
06/25/86	•	A & M MOTOR SUPPLY, INC.	1215889	60234	1,836.56	
06/25/86		LE DEIT BROTHERS GLASS SERVICE	1216324	97076	1,285.49	
01/08/86		DIANE SHIRAISHI, R.P.T.	1195711	15669	320.00	82
06/25/86		LE DEIT BROTHERS GLASS SERVICE	1216324	2243	1,015.07	78
01/22/86		MODE'S INC.	1197599	96019	483.54	78 78
04/02/86		ROBERT A. KELLEY, M.D.				78 78
03/05/86		TELSTAR INSTRUMENTS	1205325	15477	759.00	
		DEAF COUNSELLING ADVOCACY	1202353	93 <b>48</b> 0 7888	3,218.54	78 75
24/23/86		D. JEFFREY DUCKHAM, M.D.	1181948		187.60	75 75
		BROADCAST MARKETING ASSOCIATES	1207981	10761	333.54	75 75
		WANG LABS	1187061	56759 93876	249.42	
)8/21/85	•		1212764		7,091.08	74
06/04/86		SANTA CLARA N.O. NELSON	1179191	48665	12.04	72
			1212938	89292	5,252.00	71
10/30/85		EMERY WORLDWIDE	1186986	11160	103.45	67
10/23/85		JOHN RUSSO SHEET METAL	1186529	86648	219.62	65
)5/28/86		PPG INDUSTRIES INC	1212702	96921	21.94	65
)1/29/86		NATIONAL CHEMSEARCH	1198204	58868	541.90	64
11/07/85	•	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION	1189549	765	127.20	64
04/16/86		GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO.	1207187	96605	1,124.01	63
		LANIER BUSINESS PRODUCTS	1175427	53756	118.09	62
08/07/85		SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT SERVICES	1177688	48224	848.77	62
06/18/86	rers	WILLIAM J. HAWES, M.D.	1214598	13339	128.70	61

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## NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS LATE PAYMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK Date di	EPT	VENDOR	CHECK Number	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT AMOUNT	NUMBER OF DAYS
STATISTICAL	SAMP	PLE, continued				
08/28/85 PW		STURGIS, NESS, et al.	1179593	86819		
)9/05/85 <b>6S</b> I	D		1180734		3,067.12	58
02/05/86 At	ty	THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA	1198699	9837	3,730.00	
01/08/86 Lil	br	VIETNAMESE BOOK STORE	1195724	12338	418.81	57
11/13/85 Ar	prt	BAY AREA PETROLEUM, INC.			707.94	56
)4/09/86 GS	D	HARRY L. MURPHY INC.	1206562	96617	263.48	56
03/19/86 <b>65</b>	D		1203684		171.84	56
10/02/85 GSI			1184221	<del>9</del> 9791	53.54	<b>5</b> 5
11/06/85 <b>6</b> 5	D	DTIS ELEVATOR	1188975	25002	489.89	55
06/25/86 Fi	re	GRUMMAN EMERGENCY PRODUCTS INC.	1215887	90234	571.61	54
09/25/85 NM	aint	SCREENED IMAGES	1183171	56298	194.21	
01/15/86 Tr	af	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO	1196647	58853	2,922.34	51
03/19/ <b>86 65</b>	D	HOWARD JONES	1204142		2,190.54	
09/25/85 Fi	n	APPLEGATE PERSONNEL SERVICES	1183097		202.60	
09/25/85 WP	CP	APPLEGATE PERSONNEL SERVICES	1183097	85916	3,095.81	50
07/17/85 Pe	75	ROBERT A. COOK & STAFF INC.		1024		
08/21/85 WP	CP	PROTECTION ENGINEERING, INC.	1179161	80065		
04/09/86 Fi		UNION DIL CO.	1206661		5,164.64	48
10/02/85 P		ALUM ROCK UNION SCHOOL DIST.		98009		
04/30/86 Fi		DUNBAR-NUNN CORP	1208866		114.42	
		SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY				
		ARROWHEAD INDUSTRIAL WATER				
04/30/86 WP			1208659			
			1189720		9.45	
01/22/86 Li		ADVANCED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT		80833	1,382.50	
		Subtotal			\$81,761.75	-
JUDGMENTAL	SAMPL	.E				
05/27/86 WP	CP	BROOKLYN TRUCKING	1212255	19727	\$22.65	312
12/30/85 GS		S & S WELDING	1194932	24208	65.00	200
09/19/85 Pe	75	COATES HERFURTH & ENGLAND, INC.	1182340	12932	1,500.00	167
01/06/86 WP	CP	PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES	1195654	9020	37.98	153
		GOLDEN STATE TITLE CO.	1176098	85762	385.00	131
01/09/86 WP		SABRE CONTROLS	1196204	56571	1,288.47	122

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## NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS LATE PAYMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK DATE D	DEPT	VENDOR	CHECK Number	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DOCUMENT Amount	NUMBER OF DAYS
JUDGMENTAL	SAMPL	.E, continued				
12/27/85 Pa	ers	PATHOLOGY LABORATORY	1194933	85028	1,326.00	118
01/23/86 P1	ng	SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO.	1197816	81066	•	
11/13/85 69	SD	S & K TOYOTA	1189518	53810	163,441.43	
12/02/85 69	SD G	EDWARD B. WARD & CO.	1191548	24422		
09/25/85 PW	i	WOODWARD-CLYDE CONSULTANTS	1181488		2,806.46	92
09/25/85 In	ifSys	DAVIS & HANLEY INC.	1183779	57528		88
02/27/86 WP	PCP	THE BROSE COMPANY	1201686		1,662.54	
07/31/85 Mg	)r	SAUSALITO MOVING & STORAGE			•	
12/27/85 Pe	ers	PATHOLOGY LABORATORY	1194934	15523	•	
12/19/85 Fi		SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT	1194268	86650		
10/23/85 P	& R	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.				75
11/25/85 In	ıfSys	DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORP.	1191077		678,440.69	
		SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT	1194268	85682	· ·	70
02/03/86 P1	ng	UNIVERSITY ART CENTER				
10/18/85 69	5D _	A&M PAINT & BODY SHOP		99881		
02/27/86 NM	laint	BECK'S SHOES, INC.		89932	•	
12/11/85 69		GARDEN STATE INT'L TRUCKS		55980		
12/19/85 P		SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT	1194268			56
05/21/86 DE	M	BFI INT'L DISPOSAL CORP.			424,519.34	56
11/06/85 In	fSys	MC GRAW-HILL TRAINING SYSTEMS				53
04/04/86 Tr	-		1206066			
08/07/85 GS		SOUTH BAY FORD TRUCK SALES			77,610.12	
03/26/86 Ar	prt	NATIONAL COACH CORP.	1204497			
12/19/85 P	& R	SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS	1194261	10184	•	
09/13/85 Fi		L & N UNIFORM		86554		
02/27/86 Ar	prt	BAYSHORE FRICTION MATERIALS	1201678	91298		
11/15/85 Li	br	PINKERTON'S, INC.	1190083	80763	1,480.00	
02/27/86 Ar	prt	BAY AREA & HOLDENER PETROLEUM	1201677	60077	•	
04/23/86 N	Pres	NORTH AMERICAN CORP.	1204444			
01/09/86 PW	)	SAFETY SPECIALISTS, INC.	1196206			
01/22/86 69		PARAMOUNT EQUIPMENT SALES		91980	•	41
01/22/86 Fi	re	PARAMOUNT EQUIPMENT SALES	1197447	52636	262,937.52	41
		Subtotal			\$1,982,340.45	
		Total			\$2,064,102.20	

## NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS DEFICIENT APPROVING SIGNATURES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK DATE	DEPT	VENDOR	CHECK Number	DOCUMENT Number	DOCUMENT AMOUNT	COMMENTS
STATISTICA	AL SAM	PLE				
08/07/85 W	VPCP	SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT	1177688	48224	\$848.77	Receiver not in list of authorized personnel in the Purchase Order
08/21/85 G	SSD	SMYTHE BUICK	1179203	48208	329.98	Receiver not in list of authorized personnel in the Purchase Order
08/21/85 6	SSD	SANTA CLARA N.O. NELSON	1179191	48665	12.04	Receiver not in list of authorized personnel in the Purchase Order
		Subtotal			1,190.79	
JUDGMENTAL	. SAMP	LE				
06/04/86 N	√ Pres	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE	1213529	3417	148,500.00	Partial Payment Voucher not signed
12/23/85 T	[raf	PARGAS OF SAN JOSE	1194292	81395	289.10	Receiver not in list of authorized personnel in the Purchase Order
		Subtotal			148,789.10	
		Total			\$149,979.89	

## NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS INADEQUATE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

DATE CHECK		VENDOR	CHECK Number	DOCUMENT NUMBER	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
STATISTI	CAL SAM	PLE				
04/09/86	Fire	UNION DIL CO.	1206661	90082	\$5,164.64	No receiving document or signature
06/25/86	Arprt	LE DEIT BROTHERS	1216324	2243	1,015.07	
05/14/86	₽₩	STEVEN HARTMAN	1211273	57102	371.10	Incomplete explanation of travel
02/12/86	PW	JOHN S. PRICKETT	1199978	5774	250.10	Incomplete explanation of travel
07/10/85	N Pres	MITS INAMI	1174846	55102	245.10	Incomplete explanation of travel
02/12/86	PW	JAMES H. ALLEN	1199895	5767	238.60	Incomplete explanation of travel
06/11/86	PW	SHERYL R. SOMES	1214449	57113	225.90	Incomplete explanation of travel
06/11/86	N Pres	FREDERICK ABINGTON	1214287	55039	192.90	Incomplete explanation of travel
10/09/85	N Pres	JOHN LO FRANCO	1185196	18275	165.90	Incomplete explanation of travel
10/09/85	N Pres	FREDERICK ABINGTON	1185059	55115	128.70	Incomplete explanation of travel
01/15/86	N Pres	THOMAS L. BRIM	1196974	5527	123.90	Incomplete explanation of travel
07/10/85	₽₩	MANSOUR NASSER	1174787	57125	63,60	Incomplete explanation of travel
08/21/85	P & R	DONNA JUNG	1179298	6411	58.20	Incomplete explanation of travel
08/14/85	₽₩	KENNETH L. GONG	1178507	57003	56.10	Incomplete explanation of travel
07/10/85	Traf	MANFORD O. SCHMAE	1174898	5302	41.40	Incomplete explanation of travel
08/14/85	₽₩	LARRY E. BENSON	1178490	57001	33.30	Incomplete explanation of travel
11/13/85	P & R	BECKY SUE WYRICK	1189917	18041	25.20	Incomplete explanation of travel
08/14/85	PW	LARRY E. BENSON	1178490	15160	12.60	Incomplete explanation of travel
		Subtotal			\$8,412.31	
JUDGMENTA	AL SAMPI	LE				
01/23/86	Plno	SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO.	1197816	81064	485.65	No receiving document or signature
01/23/86	-	SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO.	1197816	81078	452.46	
01/23/86	-	SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO.	1197816	81066		No receiving document or signature
12/23/85	_	PROTECTION ENGINEERING	1194293	88808	315.29	•
06/25/86		EDWARD J.L. STEVENS	1215705	4862	278.72	
01/23/86		SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO.	1197816	81080	252.11	
		DAVIS & HANLEY INC.	1183779	57528		No receiving document or signature
		ALHAMBRA NATIONAL WATER	1212244	96830		No receiving document or signature
		BELEN VALLEJOS	1215710	50112		Incomplete explanation of travel
		JOLENE A. MURPHY	1204442	5074	66.00	
		LLOYD COMBS	1203563	55028		Incomplete explanation of travel
		Subtotal			<b>\$2,771.01</b>	
		Total			\$11,183.32	

## NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW - SAMPLING RESULTS INCORRECT ACCOUNT CODES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1986

CHECK DATE DEPT	VENDOR		DOCUMENT Number	DOCUMENT Amount	COMMENTS
STATISTICAL SA	MPLE				
03/26/86 Pers 08/14/85 Police 06/04/86 P & R 03/26/86 Plng		1184605 1205131 1178066 1213421 1204925 1176537	13190	672.62 502.90 501.61 125.00	Charged to wrong detail code Charged to wrong detail code Charged to wrong prime Should be capitalized (over \$500.00) Charged to wrong detail code Charged to wrong detail code
	Subtotal			2,882.49	
JUDGMENTAL SAMI	PLE				
03/12/86 Fin 09/11/85 Fin 07/17/85 Traf 11/06/85 P & R	BANK OF AMERICA, TRUSTEE BANK OF AMERICA, TRUSTEE TRACONEX, INC. STATE BD OF EQUALIZATION	1180917 1175535	9255 18514 81981 10199	5,721,023.75 149,885.60	Charged to wrong detail code Charged to wrong detail code Charged to wrong detail code Charged to wrong detail code
	Subtotal			11,612,581.93	
	Total		:	\$11,615, <b>464.4</b> 2	

#### ATTACHMENT 8

### NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS FEBRUARY 28, 1987

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommendation #1

The Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department establish procedures to provide for the timely processing of vouchers involving purchase discounts to enable the City to take advantage of such discounts. (Priority 2)

Implemented. The Finance Department has included among the duties of the Senior Account Clerk at the Accounts Pavable Section the task of reviewing incoming payment documents for potential discounts. The Senior Account Clerk stamps "Rush-Cash Discount Available" on the eligible payment vouchers which will then be processed on a priority basis. If the discount computation data is correct, the Senior Account Clerk brings the payment request to the attention of the Accounts Payable Supervisor for possible preparation of a special check. These procedures have been documented in the desk procedures for the Senior Account Clerk.

#### Recommendation #2

The Finance Department's Accounting Division implement procedures to record lost discounts in the City's accounting system. (Priority 2)

Implemented. Finance Department-Accounting Division now maintains a record of cash discounts lost that are over \$100, including the reason why the discount was not taken. On a quarterly basis, the Accounting Division will issue a list of cash discounts lost to each department responsible for the loss.

#### Recommendation #3

The Finance Department prepare written procedures for the Accounts Payable staff to guide them in preauditing requests for payment. (Priority 2)

Implemented. Finance Department has prepared desk procedures for the staff at the Accounts Payable Section. The desk procedures describe the different types of payment documents processed by the Accounts Payable Section; the procedures to be followed for each type of document; and potential problems with each type of document. The desk procedures also include instruction on how to handle potential cash discounts.

#### ATTACHMENT 8

### NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS FEBRUARY 28, 1987

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATION

#### Recommendation #4

The Finance Department's Accounts
Payable Section maintain a record
of errors and other deficiencies in
payment requests from originating
department, as a means of determining each department's level of
compliance with established
policies and procedures.
(Priority 2)

#### Recommendation #5

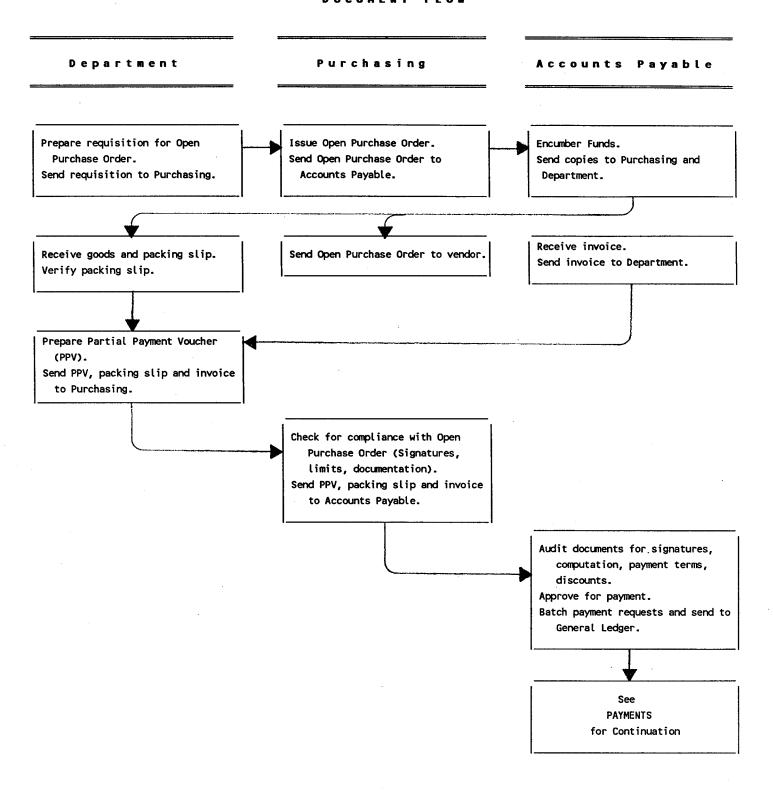
The Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department establish a program to train departmental administrative staffs in the preparation of payment requests.

(Priority 2)

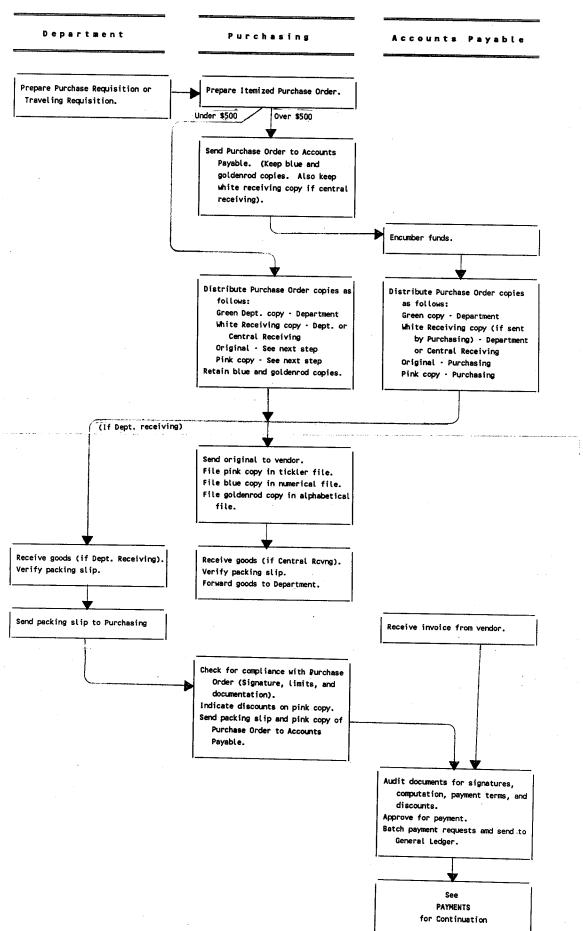
Implemented. Finance Department-Accounts Payable Section now maintains a record of errors and other deficiencies in payment requests from originating departments and issues a quarterly report to each department to enable the department to evaluate and thereby improve its level of compliance with established policies and procedures.

Implemented. The Finance Department conducted a program to train departmental administrative staffs in the preparation of payment requests. The training sessions were held in February, March, and April, 1987. Finance Department also prepared and distributed among departments a package of training materials which included an overview of the Purchasing/Accounts Payable System, documents used in the payment process, and an explanation of relevant deadlines and timeframes.

#### OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS DOCUMENT FLOW

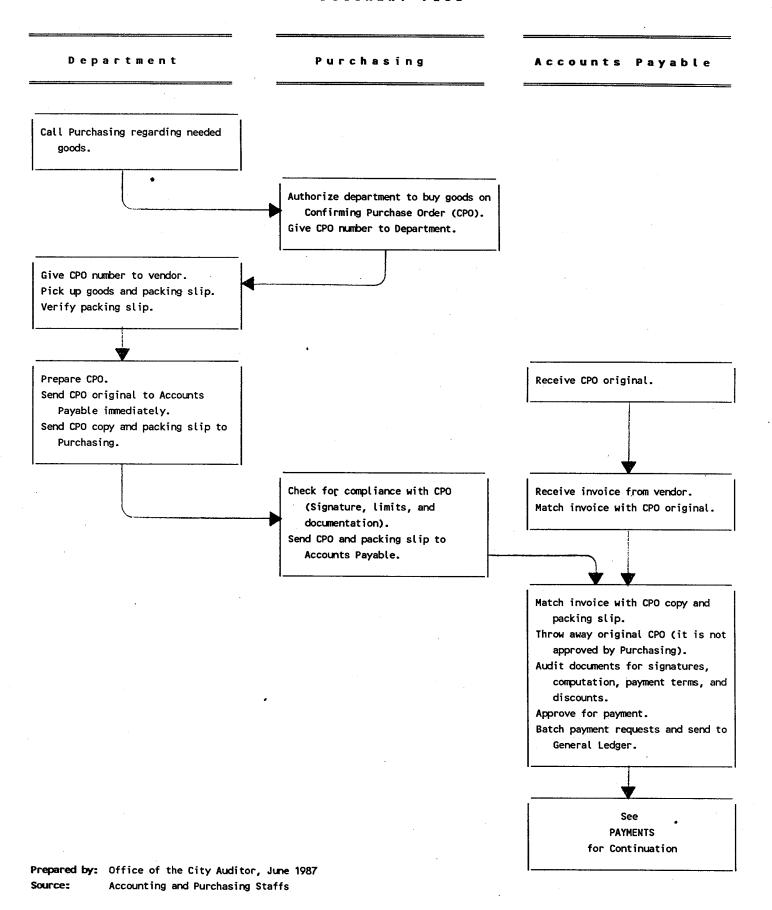


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#### CONFIRMING PURCHASE ORDERS DOCUMENT FLOW



#### SPECIAL PAYMENT DENANDS DOCUMENT FLOW

Department Purchasing Accounts Payable Receive Services or goods. Receive invoice. Prepare Special Payment Demand (SPD). Send invoice and SPD to Accounts Payable. Assign vendor number to SPD. Compare with contracts (if applicable). Audit documents for signatures, computation, payment terms, and discounts. Approve for payment. Batch payment requests and send to General Ledger. See PAYMENTS for Continuation

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#### CONTRACTS DOCUMENT FLOW

Department Purchasing Accounts Payable Receive services or goods. Receive approved contract from Receive billing. City Clerk. Prepare Partial Payment Voucher (PPV). Send billing and PPV to Accounts Payable. Assign vendor number to PPV. Compare billing to contract terms. Audit documents for signatures, computation, payment terms, and discounts. Approve for payment. Batch payment requests and send to General Ledger. See **PAYMENTS** for Continuation

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#### Accounts Payable General Ledger Information Systems From OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS ITEMIZED PURCHASE ORDERS or CONFIRMING PURCHASE ORDERS CONTRACTS or SPECIAL PAYMENT DEMANDS Audit documents for signatures, computation, payment terms, discounts. Approve for payment. Batch payment requests and send to General Ledger. Enter batch totals for records and dollars on batch input log. Send batches to Information Systems. Key enter batches. Run batch input processing. Log batch totals of record count accepted and new accumulated records total; manually caculate accumulated record count and agree to computer report. Send source documents and batch lists to General Ledger.

dollars per batch listings to input log.

Note rejects on input log.

Correct rejected source documents, and send to Accounts Payable for resubmission in correction batch.

File batch input lists.

Agree record count and total

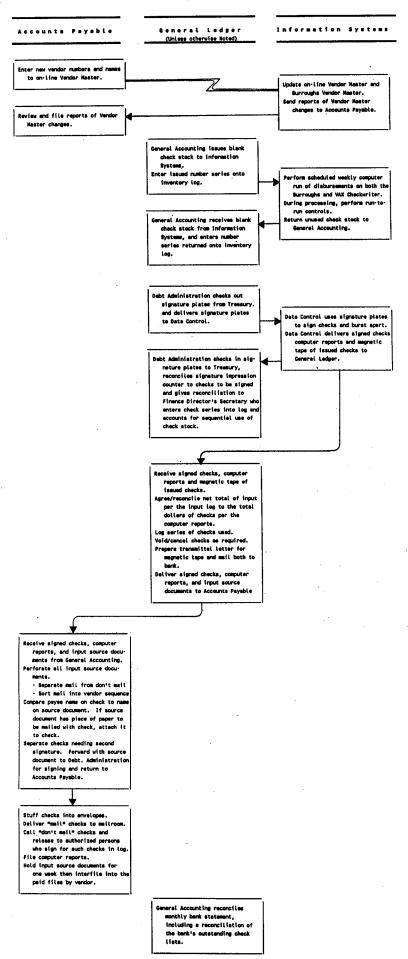
Hold input source documents which were accepted by computer.

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(Rejects only)

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Accounting and Information Systems Staffs



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1216324	1216324 R 06/25/86 LE DE1T BROTHERS G	1216324 R 06/25/86 LE DEIT BROTHERS GLASS SERVICE 1015.07	1015.07	2423.51	78	Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt	2243 U 2243 U 2243 U 2243 U 2243 U 2243 U	
1204497	1204497 K 03/26/86 NATIONAL CDACH CDRP.	L CDACH CORP.	152460.40	152460.40	47-49	Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt	58027 D 58027 D 58027 D 58027 D	Staff incurred delays. Airport staff in charge of receiving four shuttle buses misplaced the receiving report. Airport Accounts Payable had to make one up to satisfy Purchasing requirement for payment on 3/18/86.
1201677	S 02/27/86 BAY ARE	1201677 S 02/27/86 BAY AREA & HOLDENER PETROLEUM	990.34	990.34	45	Arprt	3 //009	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.
1201678	S 02/27/86 BAYSHOR	1201678 S 02/27/86 BAYSHORE FRICTION MATERIALS	48.04	546.87	64-74	Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt Arprt	91298 U 91298 U 91298 U 91298 U 91298 U 91298 U	Unknown reason for delay.  To make efficient use of staff time, we usually accumulate multiple invoices by vendor and process payment every 30 days. Vendors mail original invoices monthly to the City, who in turn, routes them to the Airport. These invoices were received on 2/7/86 and matched and processed on 2/14/86. It is unknown why the check was not disbursed until 2/27/86.
1188549	R 11/07/85 LOCAL 6	1188549 R 11/07/85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION	127.20	127.20	55-64	Atty	765 D	Staff incurred delays.
1192069	R 12/04/85 WILLIAM	1192069 R 12/04/85 WILLIAMS, PARKER, HARRISON, DI	28.70	28.70	98	Atty	9818 D	Staff incurred delays.
1198699	R 02/05/86 THE STA	1198699 R 02/05/86 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA	3730.00	3730.00	85	Atty Atty Atty Atty	9837 F 9837 F 9837 F 9837 F	The Legislature got involved in the issue of bar dues that year. A notice had been included that voluntary payment would be appreciated but it would be understood if the individuals awaited a decision. Our office waited.
1183097	R 09/25/85 APPLEGA	1183097 R 09/25/85 APPLEGATE PERSONNEL SERVICES	202.60	4877.40	20	Fig. Fig.	80939 D 80939 D 80939 D 80939 D	Staff incurred delays. Payment was made 34 days from date invoice was received. Payment was not prompt because division responsible did not forward appraoved invoice to Accounting.

CHK	DATE	VENDOR	300	CHK\$	DAYS	DEPT	DOC# CD	CHK# DATE VENDOR DOC\$ CHK\$ DAYS DEPT DOC# CD DEPARTMENT EXPLANATION
1175077 R 0	17.	//85 ROBERT A. COOK & STAFF INC. 113.48	113.48	113.48 49		Fin-HC Fin-HC Fin-HC	1024 E 1024 E 1024 E	Fin-WC 1024 E Staffing shortages. We are currently processing payments by computer Fin-WC 1024 E which has improved performance in this area, but it is still not Fin-WC 1024 E satisfactory.
1191630 R	1191630 R 12/04/85 LEITER'S PHARMACY	MACY	702.85	702.85	33-125 Fin-WC	Fin-E	6488 E	Staffing shortages.
1207981 R	1207981 R 04/23/86 D. JEFFREY DUCKHAM, M.D.	CKHAM, M.D.	333.54	333.54	75 F	Fin-#C	10761 E	Staffing shortages.
1214598 R	1214598 R 06/18/86 WILLIAM J. HAWES, M.D.	WES, M.D.	128.70	128.70	61	Fin-#C	13339 E	Staffing shortages.
1215224 R	1215224 R 06/18/86 O'CONNOR HOSPITAL	ITAL	3304.27	3304.27	34-107 Fin-#C	Fin-#C	13414 E	Staffing shortages.
1205325 R	1205325 R 04/02/86 RDBERT A. KELLEY, M.D.	LEY, M.D.	759.00	759.00	78	Fin-WC	15477 E	Staffing shortages.
1194934 S	1194934 S 12/27/85 PATHOLOGY LABORATORY	DRATORY	227.45	227.45	8	Fin-#C	15523 E	Staffing shortages.
1194528 R	1194528 R 12/23/85 PIMENTEL, LINVILL, GILBERT &	VILL, GILBERT & R	186.00	186.00	94	Fin-#C	15625 E	Staffing shortages.
1195711 R	1195711 R 01/08/86 DIANE SHIRAISHI, R.P.I.	HI, R.P.T.	320.00	320.00	82	Fin-#C	15669 E	Staffing shortages.
1208866	1208866 R 04/30/86 DUNBAR-NUNN CDRP	9RP	114.42	114.42	89	Fire Fire Fire	25862 C 25862 C 25862 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Priced tags or invoices never received at Fire. Typed documentation from estimate.
1197447 #	1197447 K 01/22/86 PARAMOUNT EQUIPHENT SALES	# 	262937.52	394406.28		Fire Fire Fire	52636 U 52636 U 52636 U 52636 U	Unknown reason for delay. Invoices never came through Fire Department Fiscal Unit. Purchasing initiates payment.
1198204	1198204 R 01/29/86 NATIONAL CHEMSEARCH	ISEARCH	541.90	541.90	64	Fire Fire	N 89885 N 89885 N 89885	Unknown reason for delay. Goods received at GSA Warehouse, not Fire. Invoices not handled by Fire.
1178371	1178371 R 08/14/85 PENNIMAN & RICHARDS	CHARDS	463.83	620.98	620.98 76-110 Fire	Fire	81147 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.
1181486	1181486 S 09/13/85 L & N UNIFORM		610.01	610.01	óŧ	Fire	86554 D	Staff incurred delays.

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1194268	1194268 S 12/19/85 SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT	: PRINT	194.37	2015.96 41-79	41-79	Fire Fire	3 05998 3 05998 3 05998	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Vendor slow to invoicesometimes we have to call. Small amounts are sometimes held.
1206661	1206661 R 04/09/86 UNION DIL CO.		5164.64	19957.16	27-48	Fire	90082 D	Staff incurred delays.
1215887	1215887 R 06/25/86 GRUMMAN EMERGENCY PRODUCTS INC	SENCY PRODUCTS INC	571.61	571.61	47-54	Fire	90234 D	Staff incurred delays.
1186986	1186986 R 10/30/85 EMERY WORLDWIDE	301	103	103,45	<i>L</i> 9	650 650 650 650 650 650 650 650	11160 C 11160 C 11160 C 11160 C 11160 C 11160 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.  Emery Worldwide invoiced the City for a freight bill with no Purchase Order number or receiving department referenced on the invoice. This is frequently the case with freight bills and often results in late payment because of the difficulty of determining who in the City is responsible for the expense and should authorize payment. This was the cause of delay in this case as well.
1183487	1183487 R 09/25/85 LOMBARDO CORE DRILLING	DRILLING	95.00	95.00	47	6SD 6SD	24141 D 24141 D	Staff incurred delays. It appears likely that the original receiving tag for this service was misplaced.
1194932	1194932 S 12/30/85 S & S WELDING	ca.	65.00	65.00	200	650 650 650 650	24208 D 24208 D 24208 D 24208 D	Staff incurred delays. S & S Welding's Confirming Purchase Order had an incorrect vendor code number on it, which resulted in payment being made to the wrong vendor. Correction of this mistake was made, but the payment to S & S was very late.
1191548	1191548 S 12/02/85 EDWARD B. WARD & CO.	RD & CO.	214.57	248.94	106	650 650 650 650	24422 D 24422 D 24422 D 24422 D	Staff incurred delays. Parts were obtained on this Confirming Purchase Order by an employee who was terminated, in part because of his failure to perform necessary paperwork, especially turning in receiving tags.

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1188975 8	1188975 R 11/06/85 DTIS ELEVATOR	489.89	489.89 55	55 650 650 650 650 650 650 650	22222	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance.  Otis Elevator submitted two billings aginst one Confirming Purchase Order. We also have an Open Purchase Order with Otis. This situation has caused double payment to be made in the past. The lengthy processing time probably resulted from efforts to assure proper payment.
1179191	1179191 R 08/21/85 SANTA CLARA N.D. NELSON	12.04	12.04	72 650	n 48665 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17.
1189518	1189518 K 11/13/85 S & K TOYOTA	163441.43	163441,43	44-110 650 650 650 650 650 650	53810 B 53810 B 53810 B 53810 B 53810 B 53810 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance. There were both incomplete and incorrect deliveries on this purchase order. Several difficultives had to be worked out with the vendor before payment could be processed. The deliveries were complete and correct on October 20, 1985, and the purchase order was sent to Finance for payment on October 22, 1985.
1192420	1192420 S 12/11/85 GARDEN STATE INT'L TRUCKS	61410.51	61410.51	50-57 68 68 68	65D 55980 F 65D 55980 F 65D 55980 F	Barden State International Trucks' invoices apparently reflect their shipping date from Southern California. Our receiving dates are much later. Based on our receiving dates, the payments are timely.
1215889	1215889 R 06/25/86 A & M MOTOR SUPPLY, INC.	1836.56	1836.56	54-84 69	6SD 60234 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1197447	1197447 K 01/22/86 FARAMOUNT EQUIPMENT SALES	131468,76	394406.28		650 91980 B 650 91980 B 650 91980 B 650 91980 B 650 91980 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance. Paramount Equipment Sales delivered fire apparatus to the City, but some discrepancies form the City's specifications were found upon inspection. Payment was delayed until this issue was resolved.
1177714	1177714 K 08/07/85 SOUTH BAY FORD TRUCK SALES	77610.12	117883.85	43-50 -50 -50 -50 -50 -50 -50 -50 -50 -50	6SD 94710 F 6SD 94710 F 6SD 94710 F 6SD 94710 F 6SD 94710 F 6SD 94710 F	South Bay Ford delivered equipment on three separate dates (6/27/85, 7/11/85, and 7/15/85), but still did not deliver all the equipment on the Purchase Order. Payment delay probably resulted from the need to inspect the equipment and to determine the correct payment amount. Payment was made 24 days after the final, partial delivery.

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1198366 R 01/29/86 LE DEIT BROTHERS GLASS SERVICE 2507.33	2507.33	2737.15	58-92 6	650 9	96015 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1197599 R 01/22/86 MODG'S INC.	483.54	483.54	26-78 6	6 039	1 1 61096	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1203684 R 03/19/86 BECK'S SHDES INC.	171.84	833.87	26 6	6 059	1 11 66196	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1207187 R 04/16/86 GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO.	1124.01	1124.01	3 29-92	esp 4	n 50996	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1206562 R 04/09/86 HARRY L. MURPHY INC.	263.48	263,48	35-56	6 (159	96617 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1212702 R 05/28/86 PPG INDUSTRIES INC	21.94	21.94	9 59	6 089	96921 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1216324 R 06/25/86 LE DEIT BROTHERS GLASS SERVICE	1285.49	2423.51	51-84 6	6-059	97076 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1204142 R 03/19/86 HOWARD JONES	2190.54	2606.56	51 6	650	n 89886	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1206996 R 04/16/86 H.S. CROCKER CD., INC.	5468.47	5468.47	22-92 6 6 6	650 650 650 650 650	99019 B 99019 B 99019 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance. H. S. Crocker's invoices are matched to receiving documents with a number of discrepancies noted by receiving staff. Resolving these problems led to delayed payment.
1180734 R 09/05/85 A&M PAINT & BODY SHOP	3067.12	3067.12	58 6	650	99701 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1184221 R 10/02/85 HOPPER, INC.	53.54	53.54	55 6	650	99791 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1185943 S 10/18/85 Atm PAINT & BODY SHOP	5134.83	5134.83	43-61	esp 6	99881 U	Unknown reason for delaySee Attachment 17
1215711 S 11/06/85 MC GRAM-HILL TRAINING SYSTEMS	190.92	190.92	53	InfSys	57018 A	Delivery incomplete.
1191077 K 11/25/85 DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORP.	678440.69	678440.69	54-74 I	InfSys InfSys InfSys	57396 A 57396 A 57396 A	Delivery incomplete. In accordance with the purchase agreement, equipment is not accepted until all items are received, installed and functioning. After acceptance, payment is processed.
1183779 S 09/25/85 DAVIS & HANLEY INC.	214.00	214.00	26-88	InfSys	57528 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.

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1212764	1212764 R 05/28/86 WANG LABS 7091.08 18076.52 43	6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7091.08	18076.52 43-74 InfSys	43-74	InfSys	93876 E	Staffing shortages.
1195724	1195724 R 01/08/86 VIETNAMESE BOOK STORE		418.81	418.81	57	Libr	12338 B 12338 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance. Shipment was incomplete.
1201159	1201159 R 02/26/86 BERNARD H. HAMEL SPANISH BOOKS	SH BOOKS	140.81	280.18	219	Libr	12521 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance.
1204515	1204515 R 03/26/86 VIETNAMESE BOOK STORE	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10277.95	10277.95	132	Libr	18649 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance.
1206095	1206095 R 04/09/86 AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH CO	GRAPH CO	484.24	484.24	66	Libr Libr	56499 C 56499 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Statement was incorrect and we had to wait for corrected statement.
1190083	1190083 S 11/15/85 PINKERTON'S, INC.		1480.00	1480.00	46	Libr	80763 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.
1197442	1197442 R 01/22/86 ADVANCED INFORMATION MANAGEMEN	IANAGEMEN	1382,50	1382.50	42	Libr	80833 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.
1176348	1176348 S 07/31/85 SAUSALITO MOVING & STORAGE	RAGE	1408.94	1408.94	83	ž.	23805 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.
1181948	1181948 R 09/18/85 DEAF COUNSELLING ADVOCACY & RE	ACY & RE	187.60	187.60	64-75	N Pres	7888 E	Staffing shortages.
1194268	1194268 S 12/19/85 SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT		44.34	2015.96 42-70	42-70	N Pres	85682 U	85682 U Unknown reason for delay.
1176098	1176098 K 07/24/85 BOLDEN STATE TITLE CD.		385.00	102543,75	131	N Pres	85762 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance.
1177392	1177392 R 08/07/85 EMCON ASSOCIATES		1994.96	1994.96		38-129 N Pres	85769 D	Staff incurred delays.
1204444	1204444 S 04/23/86 NDRTH AMERICAN CORP.		96.06	96.06	च च	# Pres	!	87033 D Staff incurred delays.

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1204225 R 0	1204225 R 03/19/86 SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY	- WPANY	25.36	315.73	47	Maint Maint Maint Maint Maint Maint Maint Maint	14148 14148	NMaint 14148 F The Department pays approximately 650 water bills each month.  NMaint 14148 F The major portion of these bills arrive at the same time and are  NMaint 14148 F paid within a week. Some bills, however, are sent to the wrong  NMaint 14148 F bills that are received after the main payment has been made are  NMaint 14148 F held until the following month and paid on a supplemental payment.  NMaint 14148 F insure that all the late bills have been received and a "second"  NMaint 14148 F supplemental payment will not be required. The water company knows  NMaint 14148 F that this is our payment procedure on all bills received after the  NMaint 14148 F that this is our payment procedure on all bills received after the  NMaint 14148 F that this las our payment procedure on all bills received after the  NMaint 14148 F that this las our payment procedure on all bills received after the  NMaint 14148 F that this las our payment procedure on all bills received between the paid late.
1183171 R O	1183171 R 09/25/85 SCREENED IMAGES	]	194.21	194.21	54	NMaint	56298 D	Staff incurred delays.
1189720 R 1	1189720 R 11/13/85 SAN JOSE ART		9.45	115.56	<b>F</b>	WMaint	82100 F 82100 F	Amount of the invoice was so small that the bill was held hoping that other charges would be made and could be combined on one voucher.
1201680 S 0	1201680 S 02/27/86 BECK'S SHDES, INC.		270.00	2391.02	28	Maint	89932 E	Staffing shortages.
1211824 K 0	1211824 K 05/21/86 BFI INT'L DISPOSAL CORP.	# # # # # # #	424519.34	424519.34	95	WEO DEM	10435 F 10435 F	First payment under new contract. Delay experienced in setting up payment process.
1186497 K 1	1186497 K 10/23/85 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO.	CTRIC CO.	200.37	587218.41	75		10143 F 10143 F 10143 F 10143 F 10143 F 10143 F 10143 F	This was the initial payment on a new account. As part of our regular procedure, the Department's fiscal section checks with programming staff to verify acceptance of the facility and the meter location. In this particular situation, field staff was unable to locate the meter. It turned out that the contractor had installed a sub-meter on the service line which had a PG&E number. PG&E investigated and cleared up the matter and verified that they had read the correct meter.
1194261 S 1	1194261 S 10/23/85 SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS	NE#3	127.44	190.44	49	ص جع مح	10184 D	Staff incurred delays.

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1194268 S 1	1194268 S 12/19/85 SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT	1194268 S 12/19/85 SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT 1613.57	1613.57	2015.96 42-5	42-56	**************************************	92844 D 92844 D 92844 D 92844 D 92844 D 92844 D 92844 D 92844 D	Staff incurred delays.  The Department has an Open Purchase Order with San Jose Blue Print, which is paid once a month. As a normal course of events, we wait for the vendor's statement to insure that all the outstanding invoices are accounted for. If invoices are missing, we contact the vendor to get the name of the employee who signed on the invoices not yet submitted and then contact the appropriate staff member to submit the invoice. At this late date we cannot determine if the vendor failed to submit a timely statement or if we had to get staff to bring in invoices.
1183803 R 1	1183803 R 10/02/85 ALUM ROCK UNION SCHOOL DIST.	NION SCHOOL DIST.	460.00	460.00		0≤ +8 0_	0 60086	Staff incurred delays.
1182340 S 0	1182340 S 09/19/85 COATES HERFURTH & ENGLAND, INC	URTH & ENGLAND, INC	1500.00	1500.00	56-167 Pers Pers	Pers Pers	12932 D 12932 D 12932 D	Staff incurred delays. Original invoice and check lost by Finance. Paid with a duplicate invoice.
1194933 S 1	1194933 S 12/27/85 PATHOLOGY LABORATORY	ABORATORY	1326.00	1326.00	88-118 Pers Pers Pers	Pers Pers Pers	85028 C 85028 C 85028 C 85028 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. The City did not receive a bill until 11/6/85 for these August and September statements. Pathology Laboratory chronically bills late.
1204925 R (	1204925 R 03/26/86 SEVEN ELEVEN FOOD STORES	N FOOD STORES	125.00	125.00	140	Plag	13190 D	Staff incurred delays. Misplaced documentation.
1197816 S (	1197816 S 01/23/86 SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO.	UEPRINT CO.	375.13	3669,04	86-114 Plng Plng	Plng Plng	81066 C 81066 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Delay in receiving final bill.
1198629 R (	1198629 R 02/03/86 UNIVERSITY ART CENTER	ART CENTER	104.86	234.32	90-106 Plng	Plng	81070 U	Unknown reason for delay.
1198629 S (	1198629 S 02/03/86 UNIVERSITY ART CENTER	ART CENTER	22.06	234.32	69	Plng	81071 U	Unknown reason for delay.
1175427 R (	1175427 R 07/17/85 LANIER BUSINESS PRODUCTS	NESS PRODUCTS	118.09	715.78	95	Police Police	53756 U 53756 U	Unknown reason for delay. Line item purchase orders are paid by Purchasing.
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1197061 R 10/30/85 BROADCAST MARKETING ASSOCI- 1196206 S 01/09/86 SAFETY SPECIALISTS, INC. 1179593 R 08/28/85 STURGIS, NESS, BRUNSELL & 1181488 S 09/13/85 HODDWARD-CLYDE CONSULTANTS 1206066 S 04/04/86 RUSS ENTERPRISES, INC. 1196647 R 01/15/86 GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO	1187061 R 10/30/85 BROADCAST MARKETING ASSOCIATES 249.42	H			ļ		
1179593 R 08/28/85 STURE 1179593 R 08/28/85 STURE 1181488 S 09/13/85 WDDDW 1206066 S 04/04/86 RUSS 1176647 R 01/15/86 GRAYB		249.42	249.42	75	Police Police	56759 U 56759 U	Unknown reason for delay. Purchasing handled this transaction.
1179593 R 08/28/85 STURG 1181488 S 09/13/85 WDDW 1206066 S 04/04/86 RUSS 1196647 R 01/15/86 BRAYB	SPECIALISTS, INC.	7285.21	7285.21			58377 B	Deficient or inadequate vendor performance.
1181488 S 09/13/85 WDDDW 1206066 S 04/04/86 RUSS 1196647 R 01/15/86 BRAYB	1179593 R 08/28/85 STURGIS, NESS, BRUNSELL & SPER	3646.60	4231.60	8		86819 D	Staff incurred delays.
1206066 S 04/04/86 RUSS 1196647 R 01/15/86 BRAYB	ARD-CLYDE CONSULTANTS	2806,46	2806,46	57-92	## ## 0. 0.	3 £9898 86863 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Consultant failed to send back-up for outside services billed
1196647 R 01/15/86 GRAYB	NTERPRISES, INC.	209,93	209.93	R	Traf	25140 D 25140 D	Staff incurred delays. Delay was caused by confusion over Charge Number.
	AR ELECTRIC CO	2922.34	4173.33	E.	Traf	58853 U 58853 U	Unknown reason for delay. Transaction was handled by Purchasing.
1195654 S 01/06/86 PRACT	1195654 S 01/06/86 PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE	37.98	37.98	153	#PCP	9020 A	Delivery incomplete.
1212255 S 05/27/86 BRDOKLYN TRUCKING	YN TRUCKING	22.65	22.65	312	A A CO	19727 U 19727 U 19727 U	Unknown reason for delay. WPC has no control over payment of freight bills. All freight bills are processed by Purchasing.
1208659 R 04/30/86 BAY ENGINE & PARTS	46INE & PARTS	479.58	479.58	<b>M</b>		25549 U 25549 U 25549 U	Unknown reason for delay. Confirming Purchase Order issued 3/11/86, sent documents forward on 3/21/86, Accounts Payable paid on 4/30/86.
1177688 R 08/07/85 SAN J	1177688 R 08/07/85 SAN JOSE BLUE PRINT SERVICES &	848.77	4892.22	43-62	#PCP	48224 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor.
1177424 R 08/07/85 KIELTY & DAYTON	f & DAYTON	175.37	175.37	106		53021 U 53021 U 53021 U	Unknown reason for delay. Not received at WPCP, received at the Central Warehouse. Payment is not controlled by WPCP.
1196204 S 01/09/86 SABRE CONTROLS	CONTROLS	1288.47	1288.47	122	WPCP WPCP	56571 U 56571 U 56571 U	Unknown reason for delay. Not received at WPCP, received at the Central Warehouse. Payment is not controlled by WPCP.

CHK	DATE	CHK# DATE VENDOR DOC\$	\$300	CK.	DAYS	DEPT	CO #30C	DEPARTMENT EXPLANATION
1201686	1201686 S 02/27/86 THE BROSE COMPANY	1201686 S 02/27/86 THE BROSE COMPANY 1662.54	1662.54	1662.54 70-86	70-86	# # PCP	59290 U 59290 U 59290 U 59290 U	Unknown reason for delay. Accounts Payable does not pay until purchase order is complete. We received final shipment on 12/27/85. Paid by Accounts Payable on 2/26/86. Payment held up in Accounts Payable.
1214783	1214783 R 06/18/86 FUSES UNLINITED	INL IMITED	557.43	557.43	57-105 WPCP WPCP	WPCP WPCP	61211 U 61211 U 61211 U	Unknown reason for delay. Not received at WPCP, received at the Central Warehouse. Payment is not controlled by WPCP.
1179161	R 08/21/85 PROTECT	1179161 R 08/21/85 PROTECTION ENGINEERING, INC.	358.56	358.56	49	WPCP WPCP	3 59008 3 59008 5 59008	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Received goods 7/3. Invoice was received and processed at MPC on 8/13.
1183097	R 09/25/85 APPLEG	1183097 R 09/25/85 APPLEGATE PERSONNEL SERVICES	3095.81	4877.40	S.	WPCP WPCP WPCP	85916 C 85916 C 85916 C 85916 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. Services for the month of August were processed upon receipt of final invoice from vendor. Prepared voucher on 9/10; paid by Accounts Payable on 9/24.
1190141	R 11/20/85 ARROWHE	1190141 R 11/20/85 ARROWHEAD INDUSTRIAL WATER	32.80	32.80	47	WPCP	88849 F 88849 F	Vendor invoices one month in advance. WPC processed file on 11/14 and it was paid by Accounts Payable on 11/20.
1212938	R 06/04/86 MASTE !	1212938 R 06/04/86 MASTE MANABEMENT OF SANTA CLAR	5252.00	7576.94	47-71	#PCP	89292 C 89292 C 89292 C	Incomplete documentation on the part of the vendor. There has been a persistent problem getting Waste Management to send the City original invoices.
1202353	1202353 R 03/05/86 TELSTAR INSTRUMENTS	INSTRUMENTS	3218.54	3218.54	78	#PCP	93480 F 93480 F	Waiting for additional encumbrance. Requested 2/7/86 and approved by Council 3/25/86.

# 1985-86 NON-PERSONAL EXPENDITURES AUDIT DEFICIENT APPROVING SIGNATURES AND/OR MISSING RECEIVING DOCUMENTS

DEPARTMENT EXPLANATION	signature The pink copy of the invoice, obtained when the product is received, is used as the receiving slip. The pink copy of the invoice has Chuck Moreno's signature. The pink copy was matched with the original invoice and processed.	signature Fuel is delivered to Fire Stations from orders placed by Purchasing.  The tanker may deliver while the station personnel are out on a call; therefore no receiving signature. Station personnel forward the receiving tag left by the fuel company to Fire Administration-Fiscal Unit. On Monday morning each week, stations report their fuel inventory and deliveries. This is taken from dipstick readings. The Fiscal Unit checks receiving tags against these weekly inventory/delivery reports to determine the validity of the tags. The signature on the Partial Payment Voucher indicates approval of all attachments.	nvoices) This Purchase Order was opened for the Tuers Yard warehouse and listed Frank Losquardo, the Storekeeper for that warehouse, among Order the authorized personnel. We subsequently reassigned personnel with the result that Tony Brigiotta, who received this item, became the Storekeeper at Tuers. Therefore, he was an authorized receiver.	nvoices) Ruben Chavez, who received this item, is one of our Equipment ed Maintenance Supervisors. He was specifically authorized by Order Sam Gaetz to pick up this item in order to expedite repair work in his shop, Therefore, he was an authorized receiver on a one-time basis.	ignature We have been paying Alhambra bills without receiving tags in some cases because we do not have personnel from our Department present in all locations served and because Alhambra will deliver without obtaining a signature if no one is readily available. This process is not ideal. We may discontinue Alhambra service to other departments and resolve the issue in that manner.
AUDIT FINDING	ing document or more invoices	No receiving document or si on one or more invoices	Receiver (on one or more invoices) is not on list of authorized personnel on the Purchase Order	Receiver (on one or more invoices) is not on list of authorized personnel on the Purchase Order	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices
DOC\$	1,015.07	5,164.64	12,04	329,98	152.25
	2243 LE DEIT BROTHERS	90082 UNION DIL CO.	48665 STA CLA N.O. NELSON	48208 SMYTHE BUICK	96830 ALHAMBRA NATL WATER
DATE DEPT	1216324 06/25/86 Arprt	1206661 04/09/86 Fire	1179191 08/21/85 65D	1179203 08/21/85 6SD	1212244 05/22/86 650
CHK#	121632	120666	117919	117920	121224

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CHK# DATE	TE DEPT	DEPT DOC#		DOC\$	AUDIT FINDING	DEPARTMENT EXPLANATION
1183779 09/25/85 InfSys 57528 DAVIS & HANLEY IN	5/85 Infsy	/s 57528 DAV		214.00	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices	This was a continuation of the prior fiscal year rental of equipment. This payment was for rental of equipment on an Open Purchase Order, which we normally do not send a receiving report for.
1197816 01/23/86 Plng	3/86 Plng	81064 SAN	81064 SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO	485.65	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices	Employee forgot to sign invoice when picking up material or lost receiving copy.
1197816 01/23/86 Plng	3/86 Plng	i	B1080 SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CD	252.11	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices	Employee forgot to sign invoice when picking up material or lost receiving copy.
1197816 01/23/86 Plng	3/86 Plng	!	81078 SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO	452.46	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices	Employee forgot to sign invoice when picking up material or lost receiving copy.
1197816 01/23/86 Plng	3/86 Plng	81066 SAN	81066 SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO	375.13	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices	Employee forgot to sign invoice when picking up material or lost receiving copy.
1194292 12/23/85 Traf	3/85 Traf	81395 PAR	81395 PARGAS OF SAN JOSE	289.10	Receiver (on one or more invoices) is not on list of authorized personnel on the Purchase Order	James Zuniga (who signed the invoice) was supervising in the absence of Mauricio Salazar (the authorized signer), and was unfamiliar with authorized signatures.
1177688 08/07/85 WPCP	7/85 WPCP	<u> </u>	48224 SAN JOSE BLUEPRINT CO	848.77	Receiver (on one or more invoices) is not on list of authorized personnel on the Purchase Order	Approver was authorized after the preparation of the Purchase Order.
1194293 12/23/85 MPCP	3/85 WPCP		88808 PROTECTION ENG'6	315.29	No receiving document or signature on one or more invoices	Receiving document was submitted on 10/9/85. Receiving document was apparently lost during processing by Accounts Payable.

#### CITY OF SAN JOSE-MEMORANDUM

TO Gerald A. Silva, City Auditor

FROM James R. Daniels

SUBJECT 1985-86 LATE PAYMENTS

DATE April 27, 1987

APPROVED

DATE

The purpose of this memorandum is to reply to your letter dated April 10, 1987 concerning the above subject. We have not been able to determine the cause of all the late payments you identified, as you will see on the enclosed listing we are returning to you. Therefore, we are providing a general discussion of the payment process to explain the difficulties of analysis and to suggest some possibilities for speeding up the process. We are also providing additional detail on the items we have been able to research.

The late payments we have not been able to research were made against open purchase orders as opposed to line item purchase orders. The steps in the payment process for open purchase orders as we understand them are outlined with comments below:

- 1. Vendor sends invoice: The invoice date may or may not approximate the mailing date. Some vendors make out invoices as items or services are delivered, but only mail them out once a week or once a month. Other vendors' invoice dates match shipping dates and predate—the City's receipt of the goods, sometimes by significant margins.
- 2. Finance receives invoices and distributes them to the appropriate departments. Finance does not date stamp invoices as to when they are received or as to when they are routed to departments.
- 3. Department receives invoices and matches to receiving documents. Departments do not date stamp the invoices as to when they are received from Finance. General Services informally dates invoices indicating when copies are distributed to line staff requesting receiving documents. This is done only when departmental accounting staff do not have the receiving documents already in hand. Receiving signatures are dated but may not reflect when the item or service was actually received or when the document was received by departmental accounting staff.
- 4. Department prepares partial payment voucher and routes to Purchasing. The partial payment voucher is dated. This is the first recorded date in the procedure which provides a reliable reference point.
- 5. Purchasing receives the voucher, and reviews it for conformance with the terms of the Purchase Order, and routes it to Finance. Purchasing date stamps the voucher in, but not out.
- 6. Finance receives the voucher and prepares the check. Finance does not date stamp the voucher in, but does stamp the voucher with the date the check is printed. This is the last reliable recorded date in the process. Checks are routinely printed on Wednesdays and mailed on Fridays. Noon on the previous Friday is the deadline for a check to be



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printed on Wednesday. Special checks are dated and mailed the day they are signed, but the date stamped on the purchase order will be the normal Wednesday payment date.

As you can see, no reliable dates are recorded in this process until the Partial Payment Voucher is prepared. Therefore, reconstructing events from 1985 is very difficult at this point, since we are producing approximately 175 Partial Payment Vouchers every month. We have not indicated a code opposite the Open Purchase Orders for this reason. The only reason for late payment of any of these which our staff can recall applies to A & M Paint and Body Shop. There was a delay in setting up the 1985-86 Open Purchase Order with this vendor which may have accounted for a delay in payments.

Several comments seem appropriate regarding the payment process outlined above. Most delays occur from difficulties in matching invoices with receiving documents. With so many employees Citywide receiving goods and services, this will always be a problem to some degree. The payment process could be looked at for streamlining. Another idea would be for invoices to be date-stamped as they are received by the City, so that a reliable starting point for analysis can be established.

#### Comments on the items we have coded are as follows:

- 1. South Bay Ford delivered equipment on three separate dates (6/27/85, 7/11/85, and 7/15/85), but still did not deliver all the equipment on the Purchase Order. Payment delay probably resulted from the need to inspect the equipment and to determine the correct payment amount. Payment was made 24 days after the final, partial delivery.
- 2. Lombardo Core Drilling: It appears likely that the original receiving tag for this service was misplaced.
- 3. Emery Worldwide invoiced the City for a freight bill with no Purchase Order number or receiving department referenced on the invoice. This is frequently the case with freight bills and often results in late payment because of the difficulty of determining who in the City is responsible for the expense and should authorize payment. This was the cause of delay in this case as well.
- 4. Otis Elevator submitted two billings against one Confirming Purchase Order. We also have an Open Purchase Order with Otis. This situation has caused double payment to be made in the past. The lengthy processing time probably resulted from efforts to assure proper payment.

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- 5. S&K Toyota: There were both incomplete and incorrect deliveries on this purchase order. Several difficulties had to be worked out with the vendor before payment could be processed. The deliveries were complete and correct on October 20, 1985, and the purchase order was sent to Finance for payment on October 22, 1985.
- 6. E.B. Ward and Co.: Parts were obtained on this Confirming Purchase Order by an employee who was terminated, in part because of his failure to perform necessary paperwork, especially turning in receiving tags.
- 7. Garden State International Trucks' invoices apparently reflect their shipping date from Southern California. Our receiving dates are much later. Based on our receiving dates, the payments are timely.
- 8. S.& S. Welding's Confirming Purchase Order had an incorrect vendor code number on it, which resulted in payment being made to the wrong vendor. Correction of this mistake was made, but the payment to S.& S. was very late.
- 9. Paramount Equipment Sales delivered fire apparatus to the City, but some discrepancies from the City's specifications were found upon inspection. Payment was delayed until this issue was resolved.
- 10. H. S. Crocker's invoices are matched to receiving documents with a number of discrepancies noted by receiving staff. Resolving these problems led to delayed payment.

Please contact Ellis Jones, x5522, if you have any questions on the information above.

JAMES R. DANIELS

Director of General Services

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#### CITY OF SAN JOSE-MEMORANDUM

Gerald Silva, City Auditor

FROM James R. Daniels

DATE May 11, 1987

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SUBJECT 1985-86 LOST DISCOUNTS

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DATE

Members of my staff and yours met to discuss various preliminary findings in your Office's review of 1985-86 non-personal expenditures. Subsequently, we researched two checks representing \$3,800 in lost discounts, because we considered those items significant and deserving of follow-up. The results of our research are summarized below, for your information and use in producing a final report to the City Council.

#### CHECK NO. 1190089 - AL EAMES FORD

This check paid for 21 Ford Tempo Sedans on three different purchase orders received on four different dates. Nine vehicles received on October 28, 1985 were not paid for until November 20, 1985 which was two days late for the discount. The receiving reports were signed and dated November 8th and 12th which were consecutive work days. The total purchase of 48 Tempo Sedans on Purchase Orders 57017, 57132 and 57134 were invoiced on 10 separate invoices which ranged from 1 to 10 Sedans each. Vehicle delivery trucks hold a maximum of nine vehicles. The vendor's delivery over a twelve day period and the method of invoicing the City produced a confusing situation which led to the lost discounts.

#### CHECK NO. 1174949 - JOHN EHRET DODGE CHRYSLER

This check paid for 2 Dodge Ramchargers received from John Ehret Dodge Chrysler Inc. The receiving documents are copies of the vendor invoice which are not dated. The only other correspondence received from the vendor stated that the vehicles were about to be shipped and reminded us that we had 20 days to remit payments also lacked a date. Due to the vendor's failure to date these documents, employees handling the payment process did not know what date payment had to be made by. The employee signing the receiving document has since then retired from City service and is therefore not available to comment on the actual date of receiving the two Dodge Ramchargers. The vendor states that delivery was made on May 28, 1985, which is a date that can neither be substantiated or denied by any current City employees.

There appear to be two areas that may be improved on to meet deadlines for vendor discounts:

- 1. Receiving documents must be signed and forwarded more expediently. At the time of this incident, the employee processing vehicles consumed 57% of the available time. The employee currently performing this task uses less than 30% of the available time.
- 2. Receiving reports are handled by three different administrative areas prior to being received by Finance Accounting. The total processing time is approximately ten calendar days. The Department Administrative section will be moving to the Main Service Yard soon, which will reduce routing and processing time by approximately four days.

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The review of the three purchase orders which collectively purchased 48 Tempo Sedans from Al Eames Ford raises an interesting question. When a purchase order places an order for 13 Sedans such as P.O. #57132 did, and it has a \$400 discount per unit if paid within 21 days, does the 21 day limit apply to each portion of the delivery or to the date the entire delivery has been If the conditions of the purchase order provide for partial payments based on the vendor providing an invoice for a portion of the number of vehicles ordered and if that invoice lists 10 units by VIN number and one of those units is delivered twelve days after the first nine, which delivery date sets the time limit for making payment within 21 days? (See 1190089, two of three documents - invoice dated October 18, 1985). As complex as this is, it appears that the problem was resolved by Finance Accounting simply authenticating delivery dates with the Senior Buyer at Purchasing via telephone (See Partial Payment Voucher No. 94797). The net result of all this was that the City lost discounts which were significant in dollar amount. It would probably have been possible for the City to take this discount based on the date delivery for the invoiced items was complete. A better procedure might be that any interpretation to the discount provision of such a purchase be made by the Purchasing Agent only, and that no forfeiture of discounts on a major purchase be allowed unless approved by the Purchasing Agent in writing.

Please contact Ellis Jones at x5522 if you have any questions on the attached material.

JAMES R. DANIELS

Director of General Services

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